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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5127

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SUBJ: FY-73 IV GRANTEE MAKOBOL

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1. GOB OFFICE OF PRESIDENT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THEY WISH BENJAMIN MAKOBOL REMAIN IN U.S. SO THAT HE MAY PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD BETWEEN WORLD BANK AND BOTSWANA DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY 18-20. GOB ATTEMPTING CONTACT MAKOBOL THROUGH THEIR UN MISSION AND HAVE REQUESTED DEPT. ASSISTANCE TO INSURE HE RECEIVES MESSAGE. ACCORDING TO ITINERARY PROVIDED BY GAI, MAKOBOL CURRENTLY STAYING AT TAFT HOTEL IN NEW YORK. HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE US ON PAN AM FLIGHT NUMBER TWO DEPARTING NEW YORK AT 2000 SATURDAY, 9 FEBRUARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS STRESSED TO GOB THAT MAKOBOL IS ON A 45-DAY EXCURSION TICKET WHICH EXPIRES 20 FEBRUARY, AND IF GOB WISHES HIM TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXCURSION TICKET AND REGULAR ECONOMY FARE (APPROX. DOLLARS 360). OFFICE OF PRESIDENT PROTOCOL OFFICER SAID GOB WILLING TO PAY ADDITION TO FARE, BUT DEPT. SHOULD STRESS THE ENDING OF CU PER DIEM PAYMENTS AND THE INCREASED AIR FARE WHEN INFORMING BOTSWANA MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK OF MAKOBOL'S NEED TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON.

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